

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to related European Application 02 018 296.0 application, filed August 26, 2002, from which the present application claims priority. Care has been taken to ensure that no new matter is added to the text.

Claims 1-10 have been cancelled and new claims 1-21 have been added. The subject matter of the amendments to the claims is fully supported in the specification as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

The substance of the new claims is clearly demonstrated in the application as filed as follows:

Support for preliminary amendment claim 1 can be found in original claim 1.

Support for preliminary amendment claim 2 can be found in original claim 2.

Support for preliminary amendment claim 3 can be found in original claim 3.

Support for preliminary amendment claim 4 can be found in original claim 4.

Support for preliminary amendment claim 5 can be found in original claim 5.

Support for preliminary amendment claim 6 can be found in original claim 6.

Support for preliminary amendment claim 7 can be found in original claim 5.

Support for preliminary amendment claim 8 can be found in specification paragraphs 9 and 19.

Support for preliminary amendment claim 9 can be found in specification paragraphs 9 and 19.

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Support for preliminary amendment claim 10 can be found in specification paragraph 19.

Support for preliminary amendment claim 11 can be found in original claim 7.

Support for preliminary amendment claim 12 can be found in original claims 10.

Support for preliminary amendment claim 13 can be found in original claim 8.

Support for preliminary amendment claim 14 can be found in original claim 8 and specification paragraphs 9 and 19.

Support for preliminary amendment claim 15 can be found in original claim 8 and specification paragraphs 9 and 19.

Support for preliminary amendment claim 16 can be found in specification paragraph 19.

Support for preliminary amendment claim 17 can be found in original claim 3.

Support for preliminary amendment claim 18 can be found in specification paragraph 8.

Support for preliminary amendment claim 19 can be found in original claim 5 and specification paragraph 20.

Support for preliminary amendment claim 20 can be found in original claims 6 and 8 and specification paragraphs 8, 14, 15, and 16.

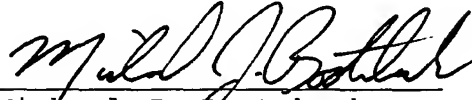
Support for preliminary amendment claim 21 can be found in original claim 10.

Entry and favorable consideration prior to consideration are respectfully requested.

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